

RESOLUTION NO. 12-390

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that a distinguished citizen, William T. Walton, will be honored with the "Government/Industry Award" during the Eleventh Annual Leadership Awards Program sponsored by the Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter, Inc., of the Alabama A&M University Alumni Association, Inc., held at the Ernest L. Knight Reception Center on the beautiful campus of Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University on June 2, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Walton was selected as a Team Lead for the U.S. Army Test, Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity (USATA) in October 2001. As a Team Lead, he provides managerial support to a multifaceted organization that conducts applied research, advanced development and maintenance support functions of over 500,000 test equipment and measurement standards with a global workforce of over 650 professionals stationed on three continents, twelve countries and over sixty different support activities. He has chaired several review boards and served as an Executive Officer to address organizational climate, developed career progression strategies, conducted value stream analysis and improved customer support, where he has received commendations for his performance and achievements; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Walton is also a member of a group of engineers, physicists and scientists who are the Subject Matter Experts who develop and implement USATA's primary organizational responsibility of performing test, measurement and diagnostic equipment (TMDE) calibration and repair mission for the Army, other Department of Defense (DOD) claimants, and thousands of reimbursable customers. Prior to joining USATA, Mr. Walton was a Lead Engineer within the Research, Development and Engineering Center (RDEC). In this role, he assessed the safety, performance, reliability and requirement verification of high reliability weapon systems; and,

WHEREAS, he is an active supporter and keynote speaker for the Army Education Outreach Program which reaches out to students in the surrounding schools, colleges and universities to encourage them about their future, and share with them the career opportunities available at Redstone Arsenal. He has been recognized by the Army, Alabama A&M, Wallace State College, surrounding schools and local organizations for his participation in community outreach and mentoring programs to help professionals and students develop their skills and competence; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Walton served in the United States Army as a Communication Specialist, was presented the "Communication Specialist of the Year" award for his service and was recognized by the Army NCO Academy in leadership development. Throughout his professional career, he has proudly served in various supporting roles for programs

that initiate and sustain the technology maintenance or enhancement that is used to lead, guide and protect the United States of America; and,

WHEREAS, he holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH), where he graduated with highest distinction. He received his Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree from Auburn University, and completed pre-engineering studies at Wallace State College, where he was awarded Wallace State's first engineering co-op assignment. He also holds professional certifications in systems engineering from the Defense Acquisition University, specializing in Systems Planning, Research, Development and Engineering, as well as Science and Technology Management, and a professional certification in Business Development in the context of European Integration and Globalization from the Romanian-American University at Bucharest, Romania; and,

WHEREAS, William Walton is married to the former Marcia Gardner of Huntsville, Alabama, and they have two daughters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, gratefully acknowledge and congratulate William T. Walton, 2012 "Government/Industry Award" Honoree, and extend best wishes to him and the Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter, Inc., of the Alabama A&M University Alumni Association, Inc., for continued success in all future endeavors.

ADOPTED this the 24th day of May, 2012.

President of the City Council of the
City of Huntsville, Alabama

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

